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TERVIEW WITH NR. BALLENTYNE

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the Attorney General of of the President.

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time limit of two years from the date of commencement of construction will not operate against us, so that the time for the completion and the operation of the first ten miles will be extended from July of the present year to

"Even had we not been deprived of the use of our franchise during the period of nine months, there would be no forfeiture until July of 1903.

"In regard to the construction of our track on Liliha street, it must not be struction on any street, we must apply for and obtain the established grade on such street and in construction we must conform to the grade given us by the grade commissioners. Owing to the penter ignorantly stated, ex- very extensive changes in the grade of hat and that we have not, by this street made by the grade commission, we were compelled in some places to excavate as deep as seven feet and in others to fill in as high as five feet, harms of the Rapid Transit and owing to these requirements it was m approved on the 7th of a physical impossibility to construct the road on Liliha street without occupy-Construction actually did it is impossible now for the Departtaking 1899. We were require ment of Public Works to bring the to have ten street surface to the grade given us by more than one block at a time.

"While there was considerable interand in operation by July tion of our tracks, it must not be forany neglect on our part to keep the street open as it was due to the uniavwe had gotten as far up as Kuakini was so bad that construction had to be

"As to Hotel street, the cause of the the shall not have been com- interruption of traffic there is not so much on account of our countries, but should we as it is the narrowness of the street, Thason of injunctions, or suits, being made and at the same time keep within the control of is being removed as rapidly as possible is being removed as rapidly as possible is being removed as lapton and rails the time during which to remove it, and as the ties and rails bared in our construction by are being laid and the necessary balor causes, shall not operate lasting and macadamizing being done with all possible dispatch, the public will not be deprived of the as we are street, or such portion of it as we are the a proclamation was pub- working upon, longer than is absolute-

"We can quite appreciate that the public, not being very familiar with the by the Government between there is more of the street kept unthe signing of the joint res- opened than is necessary, but an investigation will show any reasonable and observant person that this is not so tof the Possettine by the to accommodate the traffic and to carand that we are doing the best we can the Republic of Hawail, ry on the work at the same time.

The lands, the 12th day of public, I give an outline of the proced-"For the general information of the

ure of track construction. requisite depth, and where there is no change of grade, to nineteen inches, anchise it cast a cloud upon the bottom of which exceed by the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of which exceeds the made it inoperative upon the bottom of the bottom the President of the steam roller to the depth of six inches: the 25th day of June, in depth, and upon the top of these only granted by the upon this is placed the ties, six inches fickle memory a statement which you days after the first case, and every berein all the land soles again the rails, seven inches in depth. The ties are then tamped drmed subject to the stone and brought to a perfectly surface and the rails lined up. Then surface and the rails lined up to the top of

DR. WOOD, IN AN OPEN LETTER, CALLS DR. ALVAREZ TO TIME New Concern Boys out Old One and Will Remove

Alvarez Says There Was No Bubonic Plague in Hawaii Last Year and is Asked Some Very Pertinent Questions.

R. L. F. ALVAREZ having issued a signed statement that the epidemic of 1900 was not bubonic plague, Dr. C. B. Wood, President of the Board of Health during plague times, responds in the following open letter:

AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. L. F. seemed to have some doubt, and that plague, and you forgot to give it a ALVAREZ.

state in an article appearing over your care to handle such dangerous material fifteen or twenty other physicians signature in the Republican, of April 11th, that "we have never had plague here" (in Honolulu).

Because of the publicity of this statewhich you have permitted yourself to daily from the time of beginning until make-rather than because your opinion is of any weight upon this particular subject-I have taken the liberty of addressing you in a public manner.

Of course, Doctor, you will admit that as you took no trouble to inform yourself of the nature or the sickness from completing either which renders it impossible for us to prevalence, your opinion upon the of last year during the time of its The miles or the second ten use the street while the excavation is matter is of very little importance among physicians, as you are not in position to discuss intelligently an illness of which you did not see and examine a single case, although the epidemic lasted three months; and for the further reasons that you were present at only one post-mortem examination, and that one on the 28th of March, at the very end of the epidemic, and by special invitation of the president of the Board of Health, and that during the post-mortem at which you germs in the Kalihi laboratory for direction. sixteen other physicians, and at which as dead as Julius Caesar when your discussion was free, you never expressed the slightest doubt as to the nature had died. Further, you never, as far croscopical slide, or a culture, or in- of the steamer China. oculated a single animal during the have had it for the asking.

As this letter is written in a friendly spirit, I hope you will not take offense stone and brought to a perfectly even surface and the rails lined up. Then surface and the rails lined up. Then surface and the rails lined up. Then between the ties and up to the top of the rail, broken stone is again placed in, thoroughly well tamped, and surface and the rails lined up. Then between the ties and up to the top of the rail, broken stone is again placed in, thoroughly well tamped, and surface and the rails lined up. Then between the ties and up to the Board of Health, or go into the rail, broken stone is again placed in, thoroughly well tamped, and surface and the rails lined up. Then between the ties and up to the Board of Health, or go into the board's laboratory and make your consider the diagnosis yet proven. You yourself, my dear Doctor, were the blown out to sea, between the ties and up to the Board of Health, or go into the board's laboratory and make your yourself, my dear Doctor, were the blown out to sea, between the ties and up to the board's laboratory and make your consider the diagnosis yet proven. You yourself, my dear Doctor, were the blown out to sea, between the ties and up to the top of the discussion was plague.

By the way; do you not think that the did not the rail, broken stone is again placed in, thoroughly well tamped, and surface and the rails lined up. Then surface and the rails nature of the illness about which you he did not believe the disease to be respectfully,

you in reply stated that you had a name. "Haemorrhagic Septicaemia" Dr. L. F. Alvarez: Dear Sir-You family depending upon you and did not had not yet been coined. As there were

> as that which was causing the deaths present, you could hardly be called a in Honolulu at that time, and in ex- majority. planation of your wholesome fear of such intimate association with the ment that there was no high mortaldangerous material, mentioned to Dr. ity among the rats. The rat popula-Raymond the death of Dr. Pestana, tion in the infected localities was pracwho became infected by the plague tically wiped out; for instance, in Iwibecause of his temerity in doing that lei. You must admit that I know more which you preferred to leave to others about this than you do, Doctor, as I with more courage, or less discretion, went into all of the infected localities Are you not just a little ashamed of and you stayed out of them. expressing or having an opinion in the matter at all, Doctor, under the cir- town in an increasing ratio until the cumstances?

evident from what has been stated recorded here which would prove that above, it is not worth while to argue the sickness was dangerous to attendwith you upon the question of whether ants or any one else; and that it was the sickness of last year was plague not contagious, and yet you, yourself. upon the ssubject is too limited to entitle you to an opinion.

However, you have made some statements which require correcting, and I would not take your family and move chants in this City. The latter sold shall devote the remainder of this friendly epistle to that purpose.

You did NOT keep alive plague were present, together with fifteen or over three years. Your cultures were

The cultures were NOT sent to you of the sickness from which the patient from Hongkong. I got those cultures in Hongkong myself, in 1896, and sent as any one knows, made a single mi- them to Dr. Day, through Dr. Beach,

prevalence of the sickness, although jority of the physicians connected with upon the odorless excavators-and the material was abundant, and you could the Board of Health, at a meeting held four guards, who also died of the this kind, and there is a heavy penalty at the Pacific Club, that there never plague? had been any plague here.

This meeting was held at the very if I recall to your apparently somewhat beginning of the epidemic, only five by thinking hard, Doctor, you will re- only were entitled to an opinion) ex- periments which you enumerate

I beg to respectfully deny your state-

The disease DID spread in Chinapopulation was removed.

You state that there were no cases or something else. Your knowledge admitted to Dr. Raymond that you ter. were afraid to handle it-and later. before many witnesses, stated in answer to a direct question that you of San Francisco to a firm of white merinto a house in which a case had oc- them to a Chinese. Professor Koebels curred, even after the most thorough heard of the purple blight and after disinfection conducted under your own

Have you forgotten the fate of Ma- in evidence, chida, the young assistant of Dr. Ko- The Commissioner states that the bayashi, who died of plague on Janu- oranges were shipped to Honolulu beary 10th with a bubo under his arm from an infection of the thumb, contracted while assisting Dr. Kobayashi at a post-mortem upon a plague vic- were certainly much to the contrary. The tim? And how about the two victims from the small force of men working mytilaspis, or purple scale.

Is your memory playing tricks upon

you again, Doctor?

You state that the epidemic of last year was not plague, but Haemorrhamade to Dr. Raymond last year in physician present who had seen a post- gic Septicaemia. I presume, of course, answer to a question of his. Perhaps mortem, or examined a slide (and they you carried out in full all of the ex- from a London cablegram, is reported member that Dr. Raymond asked you pressed the belief that the illness un- necessary-including animal experi-

the deprived of the advantage of the adv

AMALGAMATION OF STEAM LAUNDRIES

One and Will Remove Its Plant.

The Honolulu Steam Laundry is a thing of the past. It has been absorbed by the more recent Honolulu Sanitary Steam Laundry and the deal will be consummated at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Sanitary Laundry company has purchased the goodwill, plant, wagons and general paraphernalia of the old company and there will be but one company in Honolulu.

I. R. Burns, one of the stockholders of the Sanitary Laundry stated yesterday that absorbtion had been on the tapis for sometime and only in the last day or two had the companies reached an agreement. The plant of the old company will be removed from Iwilei and erected on the premises of the Sanitary company on South street below the Honolulu Stock Yards.

COAST SHIPPERS MUST HEED LAW

Commissioner of Agriculture May Destroy all Blight-Covered Products.

Commissioner of Agriculture Wray Taylor says that the purple blight which has appeared on oranges of recent importation from California is a serious menace to the country and that the sooner such fruit is headed off the bet-

He says the oranges in question were shipped here by one of the leading firms searching in every store in town found three shops where the oranges-navelswere for sale. The blight was very much

cause they could not be offered for sale in San Francisco under the law prevailing there. Oranges to be offered for sale blight is known by the technical term

According to the law, the Commissioner has the right to destroy anything of reserved for any infringements thereof.

Wanderer is Safe.

The British bark Wanderer, which sailed from Tacoma October 12th, and concerning which there has been con-siderable speculation of late, resulting

C. B. WOOD. tol in safety Saturday, March 16.

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